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For: COATING FOR TREATING SUBSTRATES FOR INK JET PRINTING INCLUDING IMBIBING SOLUTION FOR ENHANCED IMAGE VISUALIZATION AND RETENTION, METHOD FOR TREATING SAID SUBSTRATES, AND ARTICLES PRODUCED THEREFROM

Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below to correct.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

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At p.3, line 17 - 20

Use of cationic polymers as part of a latex saturant in a hydroentangled fibrous web is disclosed in PCT US 98 11712 to Harris et al., which was published as WO 99/00541. As described in WO99/00541, latex saturation is typically followed by a drying step or other curing aids.

At p.13, line 18 25

The higher the delta E, the greater the change in color intensity. Unless the color's intensity is increased by a curing step, a large increase in delta E would typically be indicative of fading. The testing was in accordance with ASTM DM 224-93 and ASTM #308-90. Where values for delta E are less than 3.0, it is generally accepted that such color change cannot be observed with the human eye. A detailed description of spectrodensitometer testing is available in the Technical Manual of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, Volume 74, 1999, by AATCC (American Association of Textile chemists & Colorists).